



WINTER



WINTER WEATHER WOES

While Arkansas doesn't usually see a lot of winter weather, but when it does occur it can cause widespread havoc. Even though we live in the Mid-South, winter always brings the potential of deadly snow and ice. We always need and appreciate your snow and winter weather reports. Your reports will be used to issue, verify or even cancel watches, warnings or advisories and may save lives. The National Weather Service issues a wide variety of warnings or advisories when winter once again rears its ugly head, and you know it will! Here are the most common winter weather products issued by the NWS.



Winter Storm Watch: A Winter Storm Watch will be issued when the possibility of heavy snow accumulations or significant sleet or ice exists.

Winter Storm Warning: A Winter Storm Warning will be issued when heavy snow accumulations or significant sleet or ice is occurring or imminent.

Blizzard Warning: A blizzard warning will be issued when the expected visibility will be less than 1/4 of a mile in snow. Winds must be in excess of 35 mph for an hour or more.



Heavy Snow Warning: A heavy snow warning will be issued when 4 inches of snow in 12 hours or less or 6 inches of snow in 24 hours or less is expected.

Heavy Sleet Warning: This will be issued when sleet will result in widespread accumulations greater than or equal to 1/2 of an inch.

Ice Storm Warning: An ice storm warning will be issued when freezing rain or drizzle will result in widespread ice accumulations of 1/4 of an inch or greater.

Snow Advisory: A snow advisory will be issued when less than 4 inches of snow is expected over 12 hours or less.

Freezing Rain/Freezing

Drizzle Advisory: Issued when freezing rain or drizzle is expected for a brief period without widespread accumulations but will result in dangerous driving or walking conditions.

Sleet Advisory: Issued when sleet accumulations are expected to cause problems...especially on bridges, roadways and sidewalks.

Wind Chill Advisory: This will be issued when wind chills are expected to be low enough to pose a threat to human safety. The threshold value is zero degrees or colder for 3 hours or more.

Freezing Fog Advisory: This product is issued when temperatures are below freezing and fog is widespread. Problems occur when the fog deposits a thin layer of ice on bridges, overpasses and other elevated roadways.

